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Arrest Made in Westfield Arson Fire

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, Westfield Fire Chief Mary Regan and Westfield Police Chief John Camerota have made an arrest for an intentionally set fire that occurred yesterday afternoon at 12 Franklin Avenue. Christopher Perrier, a 23-year old resident of the multi family building has been charged with burning a dwelling. He will be arraigned this morning.

The fire was jointly investigated by members of the Westfield Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Investigators determined that the fire started in the basement laundry room and was intentionally-set.